

REMARKS

Applicant, by the amendments presented above, has made a concerted effort to present claims which more clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance.

The Examiner indicated that claims 20-25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 34-39, 41-45 and 47-73 been allowed. Applicant notes that claim 45 was amended in the prior amendment, however, the identifier listed the claim as (Original) and should have specified (Currently Amended). Applicant requests that the Examiner correct same in the records of the United States Patent Office to reflect the correct identifier. Claim 45 as presented herein is in its amended form.

The Examiner indicated that claims 8, 10-13 and 16-18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 1 as amended is allowable and all of the rejections by the Examiner are moot. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 is requested.


Claim 17 has been amended to conform to the amendments of claim 1.

The remaining rejected claims are dependent upon claim 1 which Applicant submits is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the remaining rejected claims is requested.

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the application are allowable over the rejections of the Examiner. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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